

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-7 (canceled).

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A combination valve, piston, cylinder and annular gap seal, said annular gap seal blocking a flow of a fluid from a high-pressure side to a low-pressure side of the valve in a blocked position, the valve having ~~a~~said cylinder which the fluid may flow through and in which ~~a~~said piston is axially displaceable, and an annular gap between the piston and the cylinder being sealable in the blocked position using the annular gap seal, which lies in a peripheral groove of the cylinder, the groove having an axially projecting, peripheral lug on both sides, two sealing rings positioned mirror-symmetrically next to one another in the groove being provided and a sealing surface of a first sealing ring facing toward the low-pressure side being able to be pressed fluid-tight against a

groove wall by the fluid from the high-pressure side in the blocked position,

wherein, in the blocked position, a sealing shoulder of the first sealing ring facing toward the low-pressure side may be pressed fluid-tight against the peripheral lug, which projects axially into the groove, and a sealing lip of the first sealing ring facing toward the low-pressure side may be pressed fluid-tight against the piston by the fluid from the high-pressure side.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): A combination valve, piston, cylinder and annular gap seal, according to claim 8,

wherein the sealing rings have a C-profile and the C-profile of the first sealing ring facing toward the low-pressure side is expandable in the blocked position by the fluid from the high-pressure side.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): A combination valve, piston, cylinder and annular gap seal, according to claim 8,

comprised of oversized dimensions in relation to the distance between piston and groove base, so that the annular gap seal may be laid in the groove with pre-tension.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): A combination valve, piston, cylinder and annular gap seal, according to claim 8, comprised of stabilizing element which may be laid in the direction of the groove with the sealing rings.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): A combination valve, piston, cylinder and annular gap seal, according to claim 8, wherein the stabilizing element is a coiled spring which may be inserted in a torus shape.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): A combination valve, piston, cylinder and annular gap seal, according to claim 11, wherein the sealing rings may be pre-tensioned radially in the direction of the piston using the stabilizing element.